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SUBJECT: 2005 NTE ON THE ARAB LEAGUE - DJIBOUTI

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1. (U) Post's 2004 report on the subject remains valid. Djibouti does not currently enforce any aspect of the boycott against the state of Israel. Israel's import code has not been removed from the local import codification manual and remains 624; however, there is little to no direct trade.

2. (U) Djibouti's 2005 presidential elections are unlikely to bring any changes to the enforcement of the boycott. As part of its foreign policy, Djibouti continues to be a fervent supporter of the Palestinian cause and does not hesitate to echo Arab condemnation of U.S. policy towards Israel and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

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